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The experts in their talk with the board said that if they were permitted to continue the work they expected to collect at least four times as much as they have already turned over to the treasurer. They are doing the most of their work at night as they find it inconvenient to get at the books during the day when the clerks in the offices are using them.

**Members of Board Reappointed.**  
Governor Mount yesterday afternoon announced the reappointment of Mrs. Charles M. Walker and Miss Isabella Roacher as members of the board of managers of the Industrial School for Girls and the Women's Prison. Their appointments date from March 1 and the term is four years. The board of managers of the Indiana Reformatory for Boys at Plainfield was also reappointed. These men are General George F. McGinnis, of this city; William C. Ball, of Terre Haute, and George A. H. Shideler, of Marion.

## BIDS ON SCHOOLBOOKS

**ALL PROMINENT PUBLISHERS WANT IN ON INDIANA CONTRACT.**  
**Award Will Not Be Made for Some Time—Sale of Books by Dealers.**

The State Board of Education, acting as the board of schoolbook commissioners, yesterday afternoon opened the bids for furnishing the schools of the State with elementary and complete geographical, elementary and complete arithmetics and copy books from No. 1 to No. 5 inclusive. The number of bidders was large, and the bids were, and nearly all of the large publishing houses of the country were represented.

The first bids received for these books were in 1880, soon after the law providing for such letting of contracts was passed. The maximum rate for the books fixed by that law and which has never been changed, was for an elementary geography, 30 cents; for a complete geography, 75 cents; for an elementary arithmetic, 35 cents; for a complete arithmetic, 45 cents; copy books, 5 cents each. It was contended at that time by the school publishing companies that these maximum prices were too low and that the books could not be supplied at these rates. When the board met the first time to open bids there were no bids to open and every company refused to submit bids. Another meeting was called for about six weeks later and, in the meantime, the Indiana Schoolbook Company was organized and at the second meeting of the board was the only company to bid. The contract for furnishing readers, arithmetics, geographies and spelling books was let to this company for a term of five years. Two years later the Legislature added physiology, histories and grammars to the list and again the large companies refused to bid. It was the same in 1884, when the contracts for the first year were let, but in 1886 the large companies began to bid and that year the Indiana Schoolbook Company got the contract for physiology and spellers, D. C. Heath & Co. received the contract for grammars and Ginn & Co. received the contract for histories. The letting of contracts, this year, found the larger concerns of the country represented.

At the beginning of the session yesterday the board opposed letting the contracts at once, but insisted that time be taken to examine the books offered in connection with the price. It was then decided to decide on the award of the contracts at once, but to give the members time to examine all books submitted as sample copies. The contracts will be let on April 12. A large number of letters received by Senator Goodwine from school officials of all parts of the State was also filed. These letters, which are against the sale of books being limited to the trustees or other officers and demanding that the books be placed on the shelves of the dealers. The letters stated that great inconvenience was caused by being compelled to go to a truck driver or to a peddler, who the law provides that dealers may sell the books these school officials urged that the contract be so drawn as to provide that such should be the case.

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